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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The Examiner had contacted Applicant to inform them that the reply had been deemed insufficient as a means of overcoming the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. In particular, it is necessary for the Applicant to specify what type of molecular weight, weight-average or number-average, was being reported in the claims. Applicant had argued that, although a recitation of number-average molecular was not expressly supported by the original disclosure, the skilled artisan would appreciate that, where the type of molecular weight is not specified, it is understood to be an indication of the number-average molecular weight. The Examiner indicated that, while this seemed to be a reasonable assertion, Applicant would still be required to furnish for the record a prior art teaching to back their assertions. .